

ST. JOSEPH BASILICA CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION
SAFETY INFORMATION & FAMILY RESOURCES
KEEPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE

- For the safety of all the students, it is necessary to **sign your child into the classroom each day, and sign him or her out at the end of class.** Please do NOT drop them off in the parking lot, or even inside the building. Walk to their classroom, say hi to the catechists (they're friendly people and want to meet you all!), and sign the form at the beginning and end of each class. (Junior High students can sign themselves in and out if a signed waiver is provided by their parent or guardian.)
- **Class starts promptly at 10:45 AM.** Late arrival is disruptive to the class and discourteous to the catechists and gives your child a message that this isn't really important. Please be on time.
- **Class ends at 11:45.** We realize that on rare occasions it may necessary to leave class early, but that can be very disruptive so should be avoided if at all possible. Please be on time to pick your child up; it is traumatic for children to be left waiting and difficult for our volunteer catechists to rearrange their schedules to babysit for a tardy parent.
- All volunteers who work with children are to comply with the Oakland Diocese **Safe Environment Project**, which includes periodic training done online at www.virtus.org.
- No food, drink or gum is allowed in the classrooms. Cell phones must be turned off or left at home.

RESOURCES

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies is a liturgically-based catechetical program that helps parents participate in your important role as the first educators of your children. Each student receives a What the Church Believes and Teaches Handbook which is kept in the classroom, and a weekly take-home magazine that can be discussed together at home. Visit their website at <http://www.pflaumweeklies.com/parents/> to download:

- **The Gospel At Home** - This simple resource connects you to your child(ren)'s lesson each week, providing a short description of the Sunday Gospel plus suggested activities and discussion starters for each age level. Available in English or Spanish.
- **Seasonal Activities** - Extend your child's learning experience with seasonal activities and prayers that you can do at home. Based on the seasons and feasts of the liturgical year, your family can have fun while learning about Jesus and his Church.